

URBAN DISTRICT OF SHERBORNEANNUAL HEALTH REPORT 1940

Population - 1938, 6,419 (estimated)

1939, end of, 8,400 (estimated) } Exclusive of
1940, end of, 7,900 } Troops

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Live Births - Legitimate	87	48	39
Illegitimate	3	2	1
Stillbirths - Legitimate	1		

Birth Rate per 1,000 of resident population, 11.0 approximately

Deaths - Males 45 Females 53 Total 98 (including 15 from enemy action)

Death Rate per 1,000 resident population 12.4 (excluding 15 deaths
due to enemy action.
10.5)

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of child-birth - Nil

Deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough, Diarrhoea (under 2 years) -
Nil.

There has been no case of Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Causes of Sickness - There is nothing to note.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

The new Yeatman Hospital came into use in September 1939 and with the Old Hospital has provision under the Emergency Hospital Organisation for 87 beds, extended in need to 105 beds. In these figures is included a large and up-to-date maternity ward.

The Maternity, Child Welfare and Ante-Natal Centre continues work as usual, but this has increased because of evacuated children and pregnant women. All the Health Services are managing to function normally in spite of the extra strain.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water - The supply is ample and pure, all of it is chlorinated and filtered. In spite of the added population there is no likelihood of any shortage. Analyses are made very frequently and are generally satisfactory. A careful watch is kept on private water supplies, most of which have now been closed.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE ETC.

All the Sanitary Services are being carefully supervised and are working well. On the whole the sanitary circumstances are good.

There has been little infectious disease apart from an outbreak of measles.

There was one case of enteric fever brought in from outside, four cases of Scarlet fever, five cases of diphtheria and eighteen cases of pneumonia.

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THE MILK SUPPLY

Special efforts are being made to ensure that this is pure and clean. Samples are being taken more frequently than is usual and appropriate action is taken when necessary.

No exceptional measures have had to be recommended by the Medical Officer of Health.

The General health of the town is good and the evacuated children are benefiting greatly by their change from London, due to the healthier surroundings and food. There are no signs of lack of nutrition in the children in this district.

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Medical Officer of Health.